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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 9, 2002

In response to the action mailed April 9, 2002 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the bridging paragraph between pages 1 and 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The invention also features a method of determining whether a subject (e.g., a human patient) with squamous cell carcinoma has a lymph node containing cancerous cells by determining a level of maspin gene expression in a biological sample from a subject with squamous cell carcinoma; and comparing the level with a threshold level of maspin gene expression. A level of maspin gene expression in the biological sample above a threshold level indicates that the subject does not have a lymph node containing cancerous cells, and a level of maspin gene expression in the biological sample below a threshold level indicates that the subject has a lymph node containing cancerous cells. --

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